APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 212 asked by Sri V. K. Kothandaraman and Sri A. Vedarathnam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 17th August 1960 page 308 supra.]

Press Note issued by Government of India, Press Information Bureau, dated New Delhi, the 17th April 1960 (Chaitra 28, 1882), regarding Committee on Price Policy in National Development Council Meeting.

At its fifteenth meeting which was held here to-day, the National Development Council undertook a preliminary review of the problems of price policy in relation to the Third Five-Year Plan.

As the Food and Agriculture Minister, Shri S. K. Patil, was due to leave for United States of America at the suggestion of the Prime Minister, the Council decided to set up a Committee to examine the subject more fully and to make recommendations for future policy. The Committee will consist of the Chief Ministers of West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bombay and Orissa and the Finance Minister of Madras, the Union Ministers of Home Affairs, Finance, Steel, Mines and Fuel, and Food and Agriculture, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, the Union Minister of Planning, and Shri Shriman Narayan, Member, Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will provide the secretariat for the Committee.

Following the meeting of the National Development Council, the Committee held a brief meeting at which the Prime Minister was present, and agreed on the scope of its work. Broadly, the Committee will take a comprehensive view of the problems of price policy in the context of the Third Plan and will give special attention to the prices of foodgrains, agricultural raw materials and selected industrial commodities which are important for agricultural production, or constitute significant items in the consumption of large numbers of persons in rural and urban areas. The Committee is expected to meet again on May 9.

In the morning, the Council was addressed by the Chief Ministers of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, the Prime Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, the Finance Ministers of Orissa, Punjab and Madras, and the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India who had been specially invited to the meeting. During its afternoon session, the Union Food and Agriculture Minister gave an exposition of the present food situation. He dealt with the points which had been raised by the representatives of States

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and expressed confidence that prices of foodgrains would be maintained at reasonable levels and that beneficial effects would accrue during the next few months from the buffer stocks which the Central Government proposed to build up.

In concluding the discussion on price policy, the Prime Minister affirmed that the Third Plan could not be made smaller and that indeed all the pressures were for enlarging its size. At the same time, the Government were fully conscious of the limits to which deficit financing could be undertaken.

Before the meeting of the Council concluded, the Chief Ministers of Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bombay, Uttar Pradesh and Kerala and the Finance Minister of Madras gave brief accounts of the progress made in the introduction of democratic institutions at the district and block levels and the programmes which were being implemented in the course of this year.

APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to starred question No. 238, asked by Sri P. G. Manickam at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 17th August 1960, page 324 supra.]

The number of orphans in each of the orphanages maintained by the religious institutions in the year 1960 and the number of Harijans.

Name of the orphanage.	*Number of orphans.*		*Total.*
	Harijans.	*Others.*	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1 Madras City Devasthanams Hindu Orphanage attached to Sri Kapaleeswarar temple, Mylapore.	..	24	24
2 Hindu Orphanage, Nachiarkoil, attached to Sri Srinivasaperumal temple, Nachiarkoil, Kumbakonam taluk.	..	14	14
3 Sri Singaravelavar Hindu Orphanage, Sikkil, attached to Sri Navaneetheswaraswamy temple, Sikkil.	..	10	10
4 Hindu Orphanage attached to Sri Vaidyanathaswamy temple, Vaitheeswarankoil.	..	34	34
5 Sri Meenakshi Orphanage attached to Madurai Devasthanam.	..	20	20
6 Sri Dhandayuthapaniswamy Devasthanam Poor Home-*cum*-Orphanage, Palni.	3	53	56
7 Shendhil Murugan Siruvar Illam attached to Sri Subramaniaswamy temple, Tiruchendur, Tirunelveli district.	3	19	22
8 Swami Nellaippar Anbu Asramam attached to Sri Nelliappar temple, Tirunelveli.	4	93	97
	10	267	277